

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:23-cv-00046-MR-WCM

ALWINA FYKES, individually,)
on her own behalf and on behalf)
of all others similarly situated,)

Plaintiff,

v.

HALLELUJAH ACRES, INC.,)
a North Carolina corporation,)
and DOES 1 to 10,)

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit (Doc. 17) filed by M. Shane Perry. The Motion indicates that Mr. Perry, a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court, is local counsel for Plaintiff and that he seeks the admission of Ethan Preston, who the Motion represents as being a member in good standing of the Bars of California and of Texas. It further appears that the requisite admission fee has been paid.

The Motion also indicates that “[t]he Defendant parties have not responded to any communications in this case so counsel could not confer with opposing counsel on this matter.” Doc. 17 at ¶ 8.

Seeing no facial defect in the Motion, the undersigned will grant the request. Any Defendant may, however, request that the admission of Ethan

Preston be reconsidered, after that Defendant has appeared in this matter. Any such request for reconsideration should be supported by specific objections to the instant *pro hac vice* admission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice and Affidavit (Doc. 17) is **GRANTED**, and Ethan Preston is **ADMITTED** to practice *pro hac vice* before the Court in this matter while associated with local counsel.
2. This ruling is **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to any Defendant's right to challenge Mr. Preston's admission, provided that any such motion is filed within **seven (7) days** of that Defendant's appearance in this matter and is appropriately supported.

Signed: June 28, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

